(c) The operational efficiency of the routes mentioned above, is between 86.1 and 99.3 per cent which is considered satisfactory. On route 777, however, the operational efficiency level is between 80-81 per cent. It has been decided to replace an old bus with a new bus to improve the operational efficiency.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) It has not been found feasible to accept the demand since route No. 326, 336 and 338 are well established routes. In case the above routes are extended upto Vasant Vihar, their frequency will be effected and will also be resented to by commuters presently patronising these services. However, the commuters of Vasant Vihar may patronise these services at R. K. Puram-I, with a single change by availing the services of route Nos. 602 and 623.

Hooliganism in DTC

3014. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of hooligans and anti-social elements intrduded into the D.T.C.; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to get rid of such elements and to make the D.T.C. a reputed Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b). Some incidents have come to the notice of the Corporation regarding intrusion of antisocial elements.

As regards steps to check such occurrences in DTC buses, DTC crew have standing instructions to take the bus to the nearest police station or report to the available police control room van parked at vulnerable points in different parts of the city. If any specific complaint with regard to the non-compliance of these instructions is brought to the notice of management by the commuters, immediate action is intiated.

Some of the other measures taken by DTC are :—

(i) Two police personnel in uniform at a time, are allowed to travel free on each DTC bus. Providing protection to the commuters in the bus was one of the main consideration for this facility.

(ii) For convenience of girl students and women passengers, the DTC is operating 'U'|Lady Special and lady special trips exclusively meant for them.

(iii) Special Mobile Checking Squads equipped with wireless communication system are deployed specially on the bus-stands near colleges and other educational institutions during such days when the chances of such incidents are on higher side.

As regards steps to check intrusions in installations and office premises of DTC, security arrangements at different establishments of DTC have been tightened.

Porters/Coolies as class IV employees

3015. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration that Railway Porters|Coolies of the country be treated as class IV employees; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.